



Piano Workshop of Plymouth

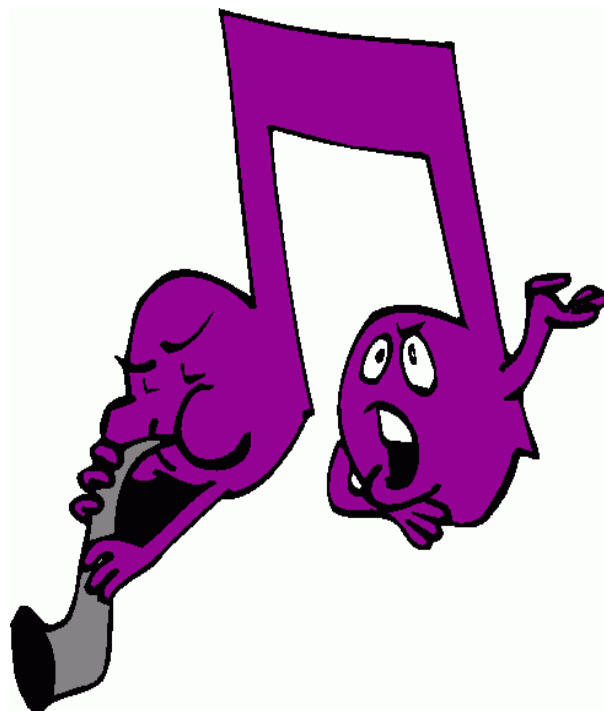
"Music gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything" -Plato

A Note From Miss Liz

Hello Families,

It was great to see all of you this summer! Everyone has been doing a wonderful job, and I'm so pleased with students' progress. I hope that families had a relaxing summer and are ready to start the school year. I know I am!

There are a few small changes that are being made this year. First, I have created a website with a listening activity for the *Composer of the Month*. The *Composer of the Year* will be posted as soon as we have the information! Check the link out at (Continued on page 3)



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Fall Prices

If paid in total:

30-minute lessons

\$180

45-minute lessons

\$265

If paid in three installments each will be:

30-minute lessons

\$60

45-minute lessons

\$90

**First Payment
due Oct 15!**

Composer of the Month: Johann Strauss II

Birthday: October 25, 1825

Died: June 3, 1899

Period: Romantic

Country: Austria

Known for: Waltzes

JOHANN STRAUSS II was born in Vienna, Austria. Although his father and brothers were composers, his father wanted him to become a banker. However, Johann secretly took violin lessons from the first violinist in his father's orchestra!

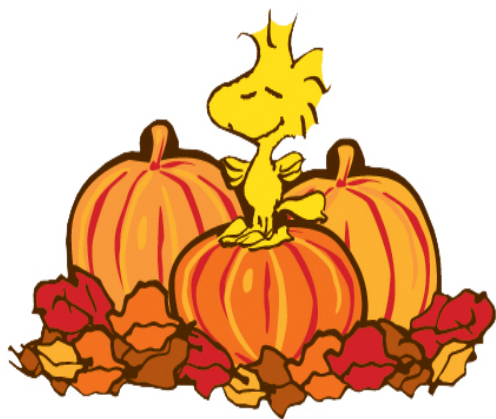
Around age 17, he started to study music seriously and founded a small orchestra that toured throughout Europe. His fame as a composer and conductor grew. In 1872, he served as the lead conductor of a Boston Festival

"monster concert," in which over 1000 musicians played.

Strauss composed waltzes, polkas, marches, and operettas. He is best known for his waltzes because he took a simple folk dance and turned it into an elegant entertainment for royalty. He composed waltzes for forty years and is remembered throughout the world as "The Waltz King."



Knock Your Socks Off Funnies!



Question: What's a mummy's favorite music?

Answer: Wrap (Rap)!

Question: What is a skeleton's favorite instrument?

Answer: A tromBONE

www.forallthemusiclovers.com. Along with that, I am also using a new email: piano.workshop@yahoo.com. This year, I have a new phone number: 603-960-1270.

In addition, the students will be given a "Composer of the Week." I will be asking them to find three facts about the composer. This is just for fun because students seemed to enjoy telling me their amazing discoveries.

In the coming week, I will be making phone calls to everyone to see when you can come for lessons. If a sibling has a lesson with Dr. Graff, I will try hard to place my student at the same time. If you have any sports or days that you cannot come, please let me know as soon as possible!

Lastly, I will send an email with a revised studio policy, forms about your child, and sign-off sheet giving me permission to record, photograph or post. If I do not receive this in the mail or by

email, I will send out another copy when I see the student next.

Thank you, parents, again, for letting me work with your children. They are a delight to teach. They are fun to work with and always have something interesting to tell me!

Students, you all are doing really well, and if there is anything you want to learn this year, please let me know, and I will do my best to fit it in! I have so much confidence in my students this year, and know that they will do extremely well. Let's have another good year!

Thanks again!

Miss Liz

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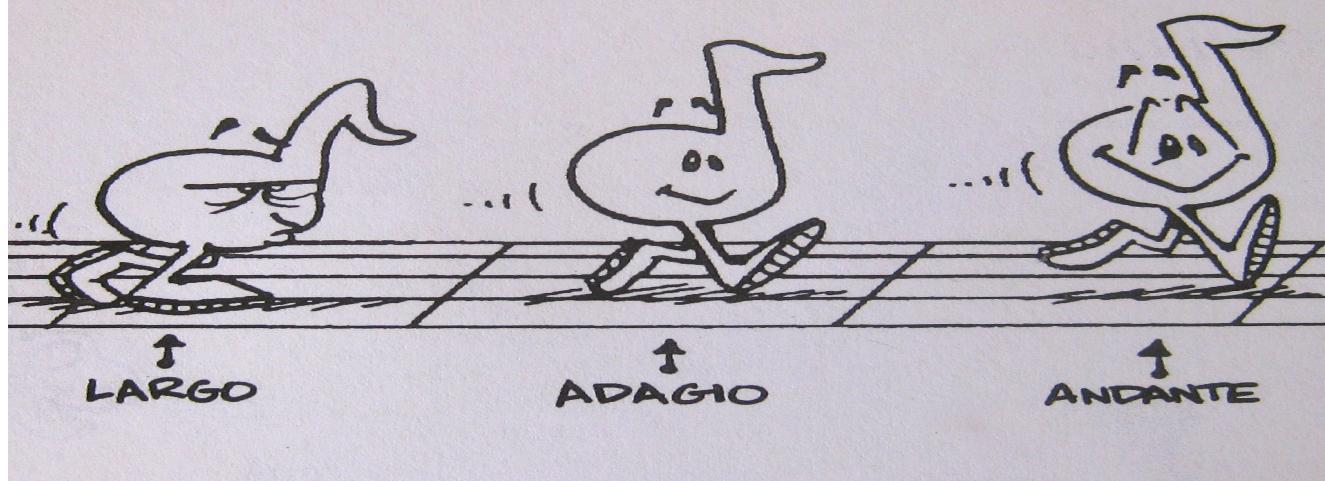
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About The Teacher

Miss Liz (Elizabeth Hodges) is a second year music performance student studying piano and flute. She began her piano study at the age of six with Cheryl Laughlin. In high school, she was the musical director of *Cinderella*. She also accompanied the choir and played flute and vibes in the jazz band. During the summer of 2010, she toured Western Europe as a performing member of the New England Ambassadors of Music. Liz has attended Piano Monster Camps for seven years. Currently, she teaches local piano students and is a member of the Piano Ensemble and Symphonic Band at PSU. This past summer, Liz worked with the Junior Monster Camp and was an intern for the North Country Chamber Players. When she isn't practicing her music or teaching, she loves to play with her four dogs. Liz is from Bow, NH.



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